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Something just struck me as I was reading an article about the trial.

Why aren't car manufacturers being sued for selling automobiles with Air-conditioning, AM/FM radio, CD-player, power-windows, power-steering, sun-roof, ABS brakes, air-bags, etc...

Most consumers look to buy a simple product with as many built-in add-ins as possible, since it avoids the complications of shopping for additional products. Also, I feel that the inclusion of additional microsoft products with their operating system is equally important, since it prevents errors or incompatibilities that occur between almost all computer products between almost every operating system available.

Reliability is an important aspect of computer technology... so is protecting intellectual property... Reliability will be fortified by forcing microsoft to share the workings of it's operating system with other companies, which will assist in the production of software that will take full advantage of the operating system. Although, acknowledgment and protection of Microsoft's intellectual property will be compromised by such a decision.

A new form of intellectual property protection must of applied to computer technology (similar to the biotechnology property protection surrounding genetically modified organisms and biotech patents)...

Knowledge is important for ensuring that a company survives this fast paced world (especially during the current world-wide recession)... Sharing of such knowledge is equally important to ensure that new products grow from the old ones...

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